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U.S. Patent No. 5,607,579.

International Publication No. WO 94/25086. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page one of the present application.

European Patent Application No. 0 992 256. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page two of the present application.

Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-84066. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page three of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is also attached for the Examiner's convenience.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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